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letter to the **EDITOR**

cover News, which had a headline celebrating Labor Day. I was less delighted by Groundcovernews vendor Denise Shearer's article on page 3 of the same paper, in which Ms. Shearer praised coffee shops as a new-found source of pleasure; she mentioned Ann Arbor's downtown Starbucks as an especially enjoyable place "to chill," (my words, not her's).

Since your paper had an article praising a Starbucks shop, I think your readers should know that there's an alternate take on Starbucks, as a company. For years now, I've had exposure to bits and pieces of news that leave me with a sense that Starbucks, as a company, plays "hardball"with its workers, especially as they try to organize into unions. And I've been aware that for months, perhaps going on to years, workers at different Starbucks sites in the Ypsi- the cash register by a pleasant- months, if I am still a resident of Ann lanti/Ann Arbor area have been enough but casually indifferent Arbor. I don't know why no worker at

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and from jobless to employed.

I was delighted by the front page of and gain contracts with the managethe September 1 edition of Ground- ments of the sites. In keeping with Starbucks HQ policy, the said workers have found dealing with the said management onerous.

> Sometime in the past year, I went to the Starbucks shop on the Southwest corner of Main and Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor and inquired and his coworkers to organize into a union. He confirmed that he and other workers at the shop had formed a union and expressed appreciation for my interest and support of their

Expecting a similar experience, I decided to celebrate Labor Day just

union at that shop, and he expressed ignorance of any union, but said that

he had started working at that shop just that morning. I asked whether one of the other two workers might be in a union and he said that one of them had just transferred from management. Somewhat disappointed, I asked

the man at the register to tell his manager that as long as I did not not declare to an employer an intent know that the workers at that shop to do it unless they are seriously passed by returning to that shop on had a contract with management, I resolved to keep their word. If you say that day and expressing to the work- would not patronize that shop, but such words to the management and ers my support of their efforts to that after I learned that such a conjointly obtain a contract with their tract existed, I would buy at least shop's management. I was greeted at three drinks per month for at least six attempting to organize into unions young man, one of three workers in that shop could and would talk to me

the front of the shop. I inquired as to about a union being organized, but whether he was a member of the my long-standing dim view of Starbucks leaves me suspecting "hardball" tactics were used against the workers who were organized into a

I ask each reader (and each vendor) of Groundcover News to reflect on what a coffee means to him/her. For of a personable young man working another shop that morning. The me, a coffee is a minor luxury, and I at the shop about the attempt of him other did not seem interested in do not like thinking that the luxuries talking to me; as an afterthought, she in which I daily indulge come to me may have been a shift supervisor — via work relations which are exploitat Starbucks, a meld of worker and ative, or which leave the workers living in hardship. I encourage the Groundcover News readers to do as I did, and plan to do, but they should workers of a worksite, stick to them.

> Sincerely, David KE Dodge

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MEET YOUR VENDOR



Vincent Ponder, vendor No. 86

Where do you usually sell Groundcover News?

I sell Groundcover in front of the Beer

What is your favorite thing to do in Ann Arbor?

What motivates you to work hard selling Groundcover News? Interacting with different people.

What is your favorite spot in Ann Arbor?

Palio Italian Restaurant.

What's the most interesting thing that's happened to you while selling Groundcover News?

A guy once gave me a hundred dollars.

What's the best way to start the day?

Selling Groundcover — especially with a sale!

What is the most impressive thing you know how to do? Sales.

What is something you wish you knew more about? Politics.

What would YOU ask?

If you have a question or issue you would like Groundcover vendors to discuss, email us at contact@groundcovernews.com

We will be featuring vendor responses in future issues.

Veterans of hope

On November 3, Veterans For Peace will have their annual Music for Peace concert fundraiser at The Ark. On November 11, VFP will organize a field of crosses, the Michigan Arlington Display, at Veterans Park on Jackson near Maple.

Originally known as Armistice Day, it was renamed as Veterans Day in the United States after World War II. The word veteran has Latin roots referring to 'the aged' as in elders, one who has survived and is master of their field — be it the Roman Legion or winemaking.

Of all the kinds of veterans in the world, those who point out the war machine are foremost in my mind. From Veterans For Peace to Covert Action Quarterly, now Covert Action Magazine, those who were educated within the war machine have much to say to those who want to understand it. Chelsea Manning and Julian Assange did the heroic work known as Wikileaks; lovers of peace and freedom throughout the world hold them in our hearts.

I honor Vincent Harding and his work with Martin Luther King. Our ongoing education leaps forward as we experience their collaboration on "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence." Harding founded the Veterans of Hope Project and wrote profoundly about the lessons of history. He is among the veterans of the civil rights movement as it matured into a broader social revolution. These veterans were mentored by survivors of government repression during World War One which intensified in the Cold War, when many believed the propaganda that Martin Luther King was a communist.



KEN PARKS Groundcover vendor No. 490

Julian Assange was kidnapped and prosecuted under laws enacted during World War I that criminalize dissent and information sharing.

Cointelpro was a cross-agency task force — from J. Edgar Hoover's FBI to municipal police Red Squads — for the purpose of neutralizing the Communist Party in the 1950s. It was upgraded to disrupt and neutralize the 1960s American revolution with its global anti-imperialist context.

Martin Luther King, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Poor People's Campaign were among the many groups targeted for neutralization. Character assassination agent saboteurs joined groups as super-revolutionaries; specialists in security infiltrated the Detroit Black Panther Party and organized a bogus drug house shutdown. Ron Irwin was one of those arrested who refused to plead guilty to a lesser charge in exchange for a shorter sentence. He was given life and became Ahmad Rahman in prison. He was released after 23 years of collective struggle from a dedicated group which included support from my parents and me. He got a Ph.D. from the University of

Michigan and wrote books and articles from his seat at U-M Dearborn.

My mother got her Red Squad File from the Detroit police after a FOIA lawsuit. It was so redacted I didn't try to get mine. Hers documented meetings of the Conspiracy to Save Lives, the group that first bonded me to Detroit. We were defending those in the Harrisburg Conspiracy trials who had poured their own blood on Selective Service files.

Fred Hampton, the popular Black Panther chair in Chicago, was shot in his bed after an agent drugged him. Mumia Abu Jamal is the veteran freedom fighter still in prison even after the government's main witness recanted his testimony. "Live From Death Row," his amazing book, will awaken you to the truth of the struggle.

The 5000 military veterans who stood in solidarity at Standing Rock in December 2016 were educated by the Grandmothers about the lessons from their 500-year struggle against genocide. This struggle has many veterans and some POW WOWs call out for veterans of Standing Rock to be in the opening entry ceremony. At Standing Rock the military veterans looked at the few hundred police and mercenaries protecting the pipeline work that violated treaty land and the Missouri River. There was a sense that they had the power to take them down. That's when the Grandmothers said, "Listen to us! You have to consider what they have been through to be okay with what they are doing."

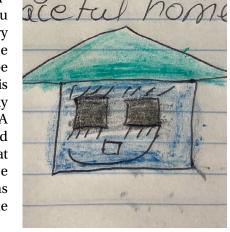
I met some of those veterans in Texas where we sat around the

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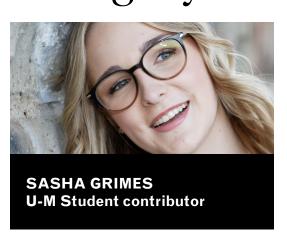
Staycations



Staycations are taking vacations, but staying home while you ace ful hom take it. A staycation can be very enjoyable. A staycation can be very relaxing. A staycation can be very healthy to do. A staycation is good to do when you are overly tired and if you are sick, too. A staycation is good for the mind and it makes people happy and at peace. A dream vacation can be a home staycation. Staycations are very healthy, peaceful home vacations.



Election day is Nov. 8! Voting myths debunked



tions on Tuesday, November 8. Despite there being no presidential candidate, there is still much to vote for: on the ballot are elections for the Michigan Governor, Secretary of State, State Representatives, Senators, the Supreme Court, other judges, board members of public institutions, three state proposals, and more.

Voting is one of the most basic ways U.S. citizens can get involved in the democratic process, make their voices heard, and make a difference in their communities. But, don't you need a photo ID to vote? What about an address for people without houses? Are the voting requirements more complex than being 18 years old? These questions may deter citizens from even attempting registration, but these concerns are actually myths for Michigan voters.

According to the Michigan Voter Information Center, to vote, the only firm requirements include being a Michigan resident of your city for at least 30 days before registration, a U.S. citizen, 17.5 years old at the time of registration — 18 by election day —and that you're not currently serving in jail or prison. Any other barriers p.m. to 7:00 p.m. starting October 12. are misconstrued myths.

to election day.

Election day; you just need to provide proof of residency. This can be a physical or digital copy of a document with your name and current address. Valid documents Fridays, and Saturday, November 5th from include a Michigan Driver's license or state ID, a current utility bill, a bank statement, or a paycheck or government-issued check. Unfortunately, it's true that the deadline for and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. online registration, turning in an official and Fridays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. registration form to a township clerk office, and registering for an absentee ballot is 15 days prior to the election. Be sure to account for this when registering with these methods.

Using the Michigan Voter Registration Form, you don't need a photo ID or social

security number if you deliver this form in-person to your local clerk's office by October 24 (15 days prior to the election). But, without an ID you cannot mail in these forms or register online. Contrarily, if registering on election day, you will be asked to show a valid form of identification — a Michigan Driver's license or state ID, federal or state government photo identification, U.S. passport, Military ID with a photo, a tribal identification card, or a student identification card - but even without one of these, you can still vote. The Michigan Coming up quickly are the midterm elec- Voter Information Center says a poll worker will alternatively ask you to sign a form explaining why you do not have an ID, and your vote is still valid and counted.

Myth 3: You need to have a place of residence to vote.

When filling out a voter registration form, you don't need to have a house or a specific address to vote. Nonprofitvote.org recommends houseless people use a shelter address or even a local park on their registration form. You can also register using a street corner, advocacy organization, outreach center, or the address of someone who will accept your mail, according to MichiganVoting.org.

You can pick up and turn in a Michigan Voter Registration form at several locations:

The official City of Ann Arbor clerk's office is located at 301 E. Huron St. and is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. Pre-election hours include Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 5th, and extended Wednesday hours from 5:00

For voters in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, the Washtenaw County Clerk's office is **Myth 1: You must register prior** located on 200 N Main St. and is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There are also some pop-up clerk offices In Michigan, it's possible to register on in Ann Abor this year. The U-M Museum of Art located at 530 S. State Street has hours from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Duderstadt Center has an office located on 2281 Bonisteel Blvd. They are open Wednesdays

In Ypsilanti, voters can drop off registration paperwork at City Hall located at 1 South Huron, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

It's not impossible to vote, but it can be more difficult for those without a state ID or a place of residence; however, if you Myth 2: You need a photo ID to know the ins and outs of the voting process, these potential barriers become

What's on the ballot? **Proposal explainer**

Proposal 1: Voters for Transparency and Term Limits

- This proposal would change the term limits for state legislators, for a combined 12 years in the legislature in either chamber. Three two-years terms to 6 years in the state House of Representatives
- Two four-year terms (eight years) in the state Senate
- This proposal if enacted would also force state legislative and executive officials to disclose their annual financial reports regarding their income, liabilities, gifts from lobby-

Proposal 2: Voting Rights Ballot Initiative

- This proposal would open up regional polling locations nine days early, permit voters to register for absentee ballots for all future elections, require ballot drop boxes for every 15,000 voters in a municipality
- Post-election audits may only be administered by local and state election officials

Proposal 3: Reproductive Freedom for All

If enacted this proposal would repeal an old law that made abortion a felony in Michigan. This would amend the state constitution to allow more reproductive rights.

City of Ypsilanti Mayor Candidates

Nicole Brown (Democrat) Mark Alan King (Libertarian) Amber Fellows (No Party Affiliation)

Ypsilanti City Council Candidates

Michelle (Me' Chelle) King (Democrat, Ward 1, four year term) Brian Ebon Jones Chance (Ward 1, four year term) Roland Tooson (Democrat, Ward 1, partial term ending 11/11/2024)

> Jennifer Symanns (Democrat, Ward 2) Desirae Simmons (Democrat, Ward 3) Ashanti Allona Harris (Independent, Ward 3)

Ann Arbor Mayor Candidates

Christopher Taylor (Democratic) Eric Lipson (Independent) Dylan Manna (Independent, Write-in)

All Ann Arbor City Council candidates wards 1-4 are running uncontested

Johnathan Hoard (Independent, Ward 5) Jenn Cornell (Democrat, Ward 5)



Dylan Manna

voice of reason lover of animals avid pedestrian

Write-in Candidate Mayor of Ann Arbor

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condition of homelessness. This is why Groundcover News is hosting an open mic for the community to share

LINDSAY CALKA

Managing director

Understanding homeless-

ness is not about understand-

ing facts and figures or policies and programs. Instead, in my

opinion, understanding home-

lessness is more about knowing

and understanding people

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experiencing homelessness.

stories, writing, and/or opinions — however and whatever they wish to share.

to stories with Groundcover News

Join the Groundcover News community of vendors, writers, staff and volunteeers November 18 in honoring this 2022 Hunger and Homelessneess Awareness Week! Come listen to community members share writing, poetry and stories from the street during Groundcover's first open mic night at ing for social change. Narrative Argus Farm Stop. This event is storytelling can be a powerful free and open to the public. agent for change, but it can also Snacks and drinks will be perepetuate sterotypes and if provided.

> Oh, and be sure to look for our new Global Street Paper Movement \$10 edition during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week! This holiday special edition will hit the streets November 18 as well.

WHAT: Our streets, our stories: open mic night with **Groundcover News**

This is a free event, open to the community to attend, participate or both! Coffee and snacks will be served.

WHEN: Friday, November 18,

WHERE: Argus Farm Stop Greenhouse Čafe, 125 W Lib-

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The State of Homelessness & Affordable Housing on November 15

JESSI AVERILL Washtenaw Housing Alliance

The Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA), in partnership with member agencies, will host its first in-person event since 2020 — The State of Homelessness & Affordable Housing.

Join us in-person at Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Building on Tuesday, November 15 from 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. for a morning of community conversations and first-person storytelling critical to our collective movement to end homelessness. We will be joined by our Keynote Speaker Dr. Abdul El-Sayed, who will share about the linkage between housing and healthcare and help us envision a community where we have housing for all. The full program for this year's event will be available soon on WHA's website at whalliance.org/ state-of-homelessness-event.

Thanks to our sponsors this event is free and open to the public. You

Registration: state-of-homelessness-2022.eventbrite.com

The State of Homelessness & Affordable Housing is one of many events taking place during Hunger & Home-

lessness Awareness Week, November 12-20, 2022. A full calendar of partner events happening that week will be

available on WHA's website. There you will also have the chance to learn more about WHA member agencies and

Mark your calendars and come listen

must register in advance due to limited space. To RSVP go to state-of-homelessness-2022.eventbrite.com.

the roles they play to address hunger and homelessness in our community.

WHA PRESENTS THE STATE OF **HOMELESSNESS & AFFORDABLE** HOUSING **COMMUNITY COLLEGE MORRIS LAWRENCE BLDG** Breakfast & Program Event with Keynote Speaker, Dr. Abdul El-Sayed

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FEATURED EVENT



Tues., November 22 • 6:30pm Downtown Library

Expanding beyond the usual short Nerd Nite talks, Annie Rauwerda, creator of @DepthsofWikipedia on Instagram, will guide us through the deepest, strangest, and silliest Wikipedia pages out there. Revel at the strangeness, laugh, maybe learn a bit and DEFINITELY have fun!

Undercover art intel: Street talk with David Zinn

Art intel presents the art of David Zinn, one of the most well-known artists of Ann Arbor. He has helped breathe life into this city for all ages. I had the honor to interview him for Groundcover News. Zinn's art is all around Ann Arbor in spring, summer and fall. He sometimes creates drawings of little monsters that interact with nature and buildings. Zinn will take a pre-existing object such as a round disk on the ground and create an image out of it, such as a UFO landing with an alien walking down the ramp to greet humanity — all in chalk!

he had art talent and his family He replied, "I feel most people need helped him by providing pencils and pens with paper to further his drawing skills. As Zinn grew up his uncle judges, politicians and the average inspired him to keep up his art-making. Later in life, Zinn would work from their past or take a class." Zinn with his uncle creating window art in downtown Ann Arbor during the holidays. Zinn's art inspires so many world. within Ann Arbor and the surrounding communities.

ists choose not to get an art education but another degree — such as in business — to help their art ambi-

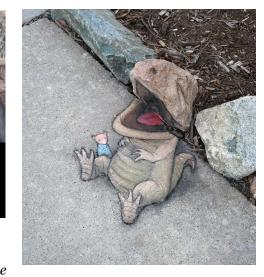


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tions later on.

I asked one final question: *If we* were living in a perfect world, where Zinn discovered by age three that would we see more art represented? to create more art from all areas of the world, such as doctors, lawyers, person needs to get into art if it be feels that if more people got into art we would live in a more peaceful

I think Zinn is truly on to something. When will it be time to put Many inspired artists have no down the weapons of war, pick up formal art training. Many great art- the brush and paint the world with peace? Yours truly, Kung Fu Panda.







Top: Examples of Zinn's street chalk in Ann Arbor. Bottom: Jim Clark poses with Zinn's Singin' in the Rain mural. It can be viewed on Fifth Street (close to the post office) and was featured as the cover of Groundcover News's first annual Community Arts Edition in 2021.



Gentrification of Ann Arbor, my hometown, through the eyes of Shanty Wobagege aka Mike Jones

405 N. Ashley Ann Arbor, MI. 48103, the now ugly green house in the middle of the block between Miller and Kingsley right across the street from the dental office, is where I spent the first twenty years of my life. In 1973, Shanty Wobagege Ali aka Mike Jones was born at the best hospital in North America, the University of Michigan Hospital.

My grandmother, Sallie L. Jones, worked in the emergency room as a patient transporter, transporting patients around the hospital. That's why I wanted to be a doctor as a youngster, that or Jacques Cousteau the famous marine biologist. 1970s oldies but goodies, the soundtrack to my young life, plays as I set, listen and reminisce and write and recall about the many winters, springs, summers and falls to the place I called home, once upon a time the sweetest spot on the planet earth, not so much now

Community High School, previously called Jones Elementary School, once served predominantly black students in a predominantly black neighborhood. Try envisioning the Farmers Market filled with Black people, Black businessmen, City workers, U-M employees, doctors, lawyers and so on. Only Black people you encounter now are homeless and asking for spare change. I constantly ask myself, "What happened to my neighborhood and city?"



Jones spent the first 20 years of his life at this house, located in downtown Ann Arbor on N Ashley Street.

"GENTRIFICATION" is the process whereby the character of a poor urban area is changed by wealthier people moving in, improving housing and attracting new business, typically displacing the current inhabitants in the process. On Fourth and Ann Street there is a Black-painted mural right in back of the courthouse. Ann Street was the hang out spot for Black people back in those days. Big Nick, the former owner of the Cloverleaf Restaurant, had



a bar restaurant on Ann Street. Residence Inn by Marriott on Huron and Ashley used to be the Greyhound bus station and on top of it was the Washtenaw County jail. In my youth I used to hang out in the alley behind the bus station and County jail and yell at the jail inmates screaming profanity while looking out the windows.

There was a cardboard box maze-like house for the homeless. I used to crawl through it and found very interesting different compartments and areas for the homeless to rest and try to stay warm, I guess.

My cousin Mantez and I used to love to go to Mr. Hafner's Karate at 214 S. Main Street. Mr. Hafner would let us sit inside and watch his karate class. Man, it was exciting; much love to Mr. Hafner.

My granddad, James Y. Jones, owned a car wash, Jones Auto Detailing. That car wash, the Ann Arbor Public School System and the Diag is where I got my education. West Park, Summit Park (now called Wheeler Park, in honor of Albert H. Wheeler, the first and only Black mayor of Ann Arbor) and the Community Center are where young Black youth played and had fun. Through the eyesight of a child growing up, Ann Arbor, Michigan, looked



stands today.



Jones stands in front of the Ann Arbor African-American Heritage Mural Project at the Washtenaw County Courthouse. The mural commemorates some of the pioneers of the Black community in the neighborhood. The mural was designed and painted by Advanced Art students from Community High School, formerly Jones Elementary School. This is a popular spot for selling Groundcover News!

heavenly. My beautiful family, the beautiful people, the Art Fair and Michigan football — GO BLUE!!!

Growing up in the downtown area, I got to see the hustle and bustle of everyday life. I also got to encounter home- BCs. Most confrontation came from less and street people. One homeless what side of town or neighborhood you guy captured my interest; I used to see were from. Young people from all walks him as I walked back and forth from Bach Elementary School. As I recall he Arbor and party, hang out and fight was average height and weight, in his forties, a dark-skinned self-proclaimed karate expert. In the 70s, martial art was Scorekeepers bar around the corner king, or should I say the legendary Bruce Lee was king. I remember walking back and forth from school and then renamed Nectarine and now the seeing the karate expert in the dead of Necto. Scorekeepers Bar used to be winter gathering firewood to keep called Dooley's. warm and practicing his martial arts. I would ask him all kinds of questions about different martial arts. I must say place and evolving swiftly. In the 70s he was a nice guy.

diverse decade in my near-fifty years' remembers the phone booth? Who experience living in "Asquare" or "A's remembers when television would shut Deuce." Growing up in Ann Arbor was off at 3 a.m., or VHS videotapes and fun to say the least. The 80s was a time MTV? Popular in the 70s and early 80s period in my life where I started notic- was hitchhiking, thumbs-up. YMCA, ing social differences. There is an old the song, the place was a big deal and saying "birds of a feather flock together." very popular. The 80 were all about This is a time when young adults (teen-break-dancing, skateboarding, playing agers) start becoming friends and hang- basketball and having fun. McDonald's ing out with other people they relate to. and other fast food restaurants were all As we all know, race played, and still over the downtown and campus area. plays, a big part. When I started high Burger King was on Liberty and Mayschool, I noticed white people sat down nard and McDonald's was on the other and ate with one another at lunchtime side of the street right next to Nickels **Jones's granddad, James Y.** and Black people did the same — Arcade. On the other side of the Diagon **Jones, owned a carwash Jones** names were made up for the "cliques." South University, McDonald's was on **Auto Detailing. It used to be** "Punk Rockers," "Stoners;" so-called the corner of South Forest. Burger King **located where Bloom dispensary** weird-lookin' cats went to Community High.

Nazi skinheads and Jews who obviously didn't like each other would fight often. Black people started forming street gangs; in the downtown area was the "TBG" (The Brothers Grim) and of life would gather in downtown Ann no shooting and killing — just fist fighting. Necto nightclub on Liberty or was the "spot." The Necto nightclub used to be called Second Chance and

The streets were full of people. The creation of Hip-hop culture was taking and 80s, it was a time before cell phones, The 1980s in Ann Arbor, was the most only landlines and pay phones. Who

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was on South University where Starbucks is now. Taco Bell was on East University where the Zaragon apartment build war airplanes, brought a lot of high rise is now.

Brake For Jake" t-shirt was also famous. The City of Ann Arbor should build a statue of Shaky Jake in the middle of Liberty Plaza. Just sayin'!

Black businesses were located all over this city. My grandfather's business, Jones Auto Detailing, was on Miller where Bloom, the cannabis store, is now, facing Spring Street. Johnny OR. Rush Barber Shop, Rosy Barber Shop and James Hall Barber Shop all thrived in Ann Arbor. Delong's BBQ had the best BBQ French fries in town. Jim Bradley owned a car dealership on the corner of Jackson and Wagner. Mr. Bar-



Jones and his daughter Heather (left) and son Nehemiah (right).

field owned many companies, from building maintenance to engineering.

Ann Arbor was established in 1824. John Allen and Elisha W. Rumsey founded the community, which they named for their wives (both called Ann) and a local grove, or arbor. The settlement developed as an agricultural trading hub after the arrival in 1839 of the the lack of true diversity on campus and Michigan Central Railroad, which con- the Ann Arbor area. U-M claims to be nected it with Detroit.

from Holland, arrived in Ann Arbor plays a big part in how Ann Arbor looks, with his wife and children, purchased 160 acres of farmland. He was the first Black man to come to Ann Arbor. but Black residency has fallen 17%. Jacob's son, Asher, grew up to be a conductor on the Michigan Underground Railroad, heroically helping fugitive "Ann Arbor is the eighth most socioecoslaves from the south to cross the border to Canada.

In 1851 Ann Arbor became an official the nation in service class segregation

city, and the population was over 5,000 by the 1860 census. In the 1940s and start of WWII, the Willow Run Bomber Plant that helped in the war effort to workers to the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti "Shaky Jake," the man, the musician area, and the population increased by and performer, was famous in Ann over 60% that decade. During the Great Arbor in the 70s, 80s and 90s. The "We Migration, six million Black people moved from the south to the north from 1910-1970.

The major first wave of Black migrants moved to places like New York, Chicago, Detroit and Pittsburgh, from 1910-1940. The second wave of Black people moved out west to Los Angeles, Oakland, CA, Seattle, WA and Portland,

In its almost two hundred years, this beautiful landscape we call Ann Arbor has had its share of struggles and is constantly evolving socially — can I get an Amen? In 1836 the Anti-Slavery Society helped in the efforts for escaped Slaves on the Underground Railroad to cross the border to Canada. Operation Haircut in 1947 was when University of Michigan workers and students protested for Blacks to be able to get their hair cut at local barbershops. The Black Action Movement staged non-violent protests in the late 60s and 70s. U-M workers, staff and students joined in support of BAM regarding enrollment, recruitment and campus experience for minorities at the University.

Ann Arbor passed the fair housing ordinance in 1964, the same year the federal government passed the Civil Rights Act outlawing discrimination based on race, religion, sex or national origin related to voter registration, school, employment and public accommodations. This city has always been involved for civil rights and social justice: in recent history, to the present

There has been a lot of unrest in America, from the Black Lives Matter Movement to Roe vs. Wade Court reversal. Deep-rooted in upright and righteous principals, Ann Arbor has failed to live up to true diversity when it comes to Black people. Take a walk around town, through the campus area, and all you will see are white people and Asian people. We need another organization like BAM to motivate the University administration to do something about diverse but anybody with a pair of eyes nine percent in the last decade, but the about our beloved city and neighbor-In 1827, Jacob Aray, an immigrant can see that's not true. The University sounds and feels. The city population has grown more than 13% since 1990

In 1853 Michigan eliminated segregation. According to the City of Ann Arbor: nomically segregated metro area in the U.S., the second most segregated city in

and the fifth in working class segregation.

On the subject of Ann Arbor's racist history of housing discrimination, Mike Steinberg became aware of racially restrictive covenants (deed clauses that historically prevented people of color from owning property in the cities throughout America) when he bought his first house in Ann Arbor's Old West Side neighborhood in 1985. Steinberg said, "You know, you look around, you see the Black Lives Matter signs, you see Hate has no Home Here; and it's a comforting narrative to many. But the truth is that white supremacy existed here in Ann Arbor, as it existed in virtually every city in the country, and there's a long history of housing discrimination in Ann Arbor.'

Steinberg and Robert Goodspeed found 66 subdivisions within the Ann Arbor city limits with racial discrimination covenants, pointing to a legacy of institutional racism.

Home ownership is the key to building wealth and passing down that wealth generation to generation. The large wealth gap between Black and white households is a major problem, right along with racism and housing discrimination. White households report average wealth of \$983,400, which is 6.9 times that of Black

Housing costs in Ann Arbor are 16% higher than the national average. Out of 11 tech cities, Ann Arbor ranks number six when ordered by housing cost. Michigan's minimum wage is \$9.65; you can't afford to live in Ann Arbor on that type of income. The fact is that the Ann Arbor area population is continuing to grow increasingly wealthy and officials say that makes it harder for lower-income residents to find

The total population in Ann Arbor 2020 census was 123,851; Black population in Ann Arbor, 8,236 and Asians come in at second with a little over 21,000. Whites are at roughly 85,000. Some might say, one factor may be uncounted Blacks and Hispanics. The U.S. Census Bureau acknowledges that a higher percentage of African American were undercounted than last decade. Nevertheless, the fact remains that Ann Arbor is for the wealthy and not the poor anymore.

Ann Arbor's overall population grew beers in Wheeler Park and reminisce Black population fell five percent hood WESTSIDE! according to the 2020 Census.

During the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic the violent crime rate rose to its highest level in decades. The increase was driven by a rise in aggravated assaults and, most notably the historic 29% surge in homicides that made 2020 the deadliest year in the U.S since the

The 1990s through the eyes of a

We need another organization like BAM to motivate the University administration to do something about the lack of true diversity on campus.

full-grown man-child was fun. Hip-hop was the cream of the crop. 2pac, Biggie, Wu Tang Clan, Doctor Dre, Snoop Dogg were a few notable artists. Hip-hop culture grew and continues to grow to this very day. The question: where did all the Black men go? Can you say prison? Like I said, hip-hop was number one in the 90s. Well, crack cocaine was running a close second.

A spike in crime took place all over America in the blink of an eye. Everybody wants to be a gangster but nobody wants to die. The murder rate and violent crime were historic. In the 1980s-1990s Detroit was the murder capital hands down. Hard to imagine Ann Arbor is only 45 minutes away from Detroit. I knew three people who got murdered in the late 80s and early 90s: Steve Hogrow, Mike Damron and David James, my childhood friends, may peace be upon them.

Needless to say the federal and local governments wasted no time making policies to try to stop the uptick in crime. In September of 1986 President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan spoke to the nation about "the Anti-Drug Abuse act" (War on Drugs). Crack cocaine was also a problem in Ann Arbor. Laws were made and a lot of Black families and young Black men paid the cost. The Black families were torn apart by drug abuse and young Black men were being sent to prison at an alarming rate, 20 years or more for the sale of crack cocaine.

Starbucks and other coffee shops like Amer's Deli replaced the fast food restaurants in downtown Ann Arbor and campus area. By this time, I could smell it in the air but didn't know the name of what was cooking (gentrification). When I was a young kid Wheeler Park was full of life, Black life, but by the time I was 18 years old, me and my boy Terry Peters, aka Bull, were the only two left in the park. Bull and I would drink

Today I live in Ypsilanti, the neighboring city to the east. Most Black people I grew up with reside in Ypsilanti because we can no longer afford to live in Ann Arbor. I lived, worked and played in this small great city, and I loved, and always will, my home — Ann Arbor, MI.

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Fill in the squares so that each row, column, and 3-by-3 box contain the numbers 1 through 9

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MATH PUZZLES

JAN GOMBERT

GROUNDCOVER CONTRIBUTOR

1. How many times between midnight and noon does a digital clock display a palindromic number (reads the same backwards and forwards, such as 12:21 or 8:28)?

2. What are the next two numbers in the sequence 77, 94, 63, ...?

 3. Arrange four nines (9) and a one (1) and only one mathematical symbol to make it equal to 100.

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Sunday Worship Time

10:00 am In-person and via Live Stream and **Radio Broadcast**

Broken heart

RON PAGERESKI Groundcover contributor

A golden heart is broken by some harsh words spoken. Try to make amends somehow do it soon, do it now. Cause tomorrow may be too late there's no time to contemplate. A heart is torn and needs to heal it suffers now with pain that's real. Take the first step, swallow pride wipe the tears off one that cried. Let them know you do repent heal the pain of one's lament. Try to patch that rift today do your best to make it OK. Make the first move, that's a start seek to mend that broken heart.

Autumn leaves **RON PAGERESKI**

POETRY

Red and gold leaves fall to ground blowing here and there, make not a sound. Lonely man walks under Autumn skies it's easy to see the hunger in his eyes. He has to face the grim reality, he's been driven from society. An outcast from the human crowd, he walks in hunger, his head bowed. People care not if he's alive or dead, as he searches trash for a crust of bread. Once had the world in the palm of his hand, falling from grace on the street he did land. He tried to repent, to make amends, it did not work, he lost family and friends. He now walks the street, sad and alone, nothing or no one to call his own. Red and gold leaves fall to ground... tears fall too, make not a sound.

PTSD

ANONYMOUS

PTSD is a complex mental illness, disease. PTSD my protection, when I need to act quickly. PTSD sometimes make a fool of me.

PTSD from something that shut what I could not handle Took over the usual me.

PTSD which part is you? Where do we merge? Or are you an independent part of me? PTSD please let not this make people afraid of me. PTSD please check out! I just want to be as I was before this PTSD Syndrome! Can I now even survive without you?

How would my life be without you? Would I even sense danger?

Overlook it completely?

Have I become too comfortable living with this mental illness, disease?

Have you both helped and hindered my social abilities? PTSD is real!

Unfortunately it is my reality!!!

▶ VETERANS from page 3

sacred fire of the Corrizo Comecrudo tribe basecamp and became the peace that Toni Morrison speaks of, "not just the absence of violence but the dance of an open mind when it encounters an equally open mind."

The war on the earth, to turn everything into capital no matter the waste, is also damaging our DNA. It will take a born-again awareness, reborn with every breath, to even face the many chemicals in which we are swimming. The status of your immune system and the many kinds of inflammatory challenges will tell you everything. "Heal ourselves, heal the earth" is a slogan from veterans in the struggle for health care and the corporate-state that prevents it.

When we listen to the wisdom of the body there is good reason for hope. When we engage our compassionate wisdom and transform our vast ignorance step by step, we discover there is no permanent border as our interrelat-I come to terms with the completion stage of this body I do not know with what balance I will leave. All actions have results which play into infinity! The best I can do is improve my intention to benefit beings with some confidence that abilities will arise. Of course this can be a long and boring as well as delightful process. Impatience with ourselves and others deepens the ignorance that imprisons us, so take a mindful breath

whenever such obstacles arise.

I have many conversations with military veterans as part of my lifelong learning/teaching experience. When I hitchhiked in the 70s it was Vietnam veterans who were most likely to pick me up. We often went into communion about reality with great respect for our different experiences. The consensus was that the American war in Vietnam was criminal and I got much respect for being a resistor.

For me, the word veteran points at "experienced." Jimi Hendrix, veteran of the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam sings about it! Have you completed any mission with a fully engaged heart and mind and looked into the eyes of death fearlessly, at least with the courage to stand, retreat or breath promotes natural mind and the advance despite your fear?

I'm a preacher's son, kin to the Amish, and was taught not to kill. My father's conversion brought him into the culture of my mother, the Church of the Brethren, with his own baggage of uneven development. We are all raised by adults edness shifts from one context to with their mix of love and dysfunction. another. This is lifelong learning and as We are not fully awakened beings and most of us experience some trauma as your view of the past changes with adults socialize us to survive and sometimes to thrive.

Many of us have experienced male rage and my decision to kill my father came from two minutes of terror that define the culture of compliance to the chain of authoritarian command. CLEAN UP YOUR PLATE OR DIE. Of course my decision was repressed and was expressed in habitual patterns of

dysfunction. Many veterans have their moral wounds that therapists now call "wounds that don't heal" from having violated their own moral code. My moral wounds simmered subconsciously until my desire for healing took me into a series of mentors and therapies beginning in 1980 with an intensity that earlier mentors prepared me for.

The question before humankind is "Can we live up to the name we have given ourselves?" Ann Arbor is full of signs that say "HUMANKIND — BE BOTH". Can we be fully present in this moment? Mindfulness is the rage in the culture but mindful of what? We breathe in this moment which is born from the past and dies into the future. A natural unity of past, present and future. We can do this best when we drop any need to measure time and rest in timeless time.

These simple things need practice and some ability to discover our limits and stretch just a bit more. It means honoring the past with detachment and discovering that the past changes constantly as this moment slips away and every insight. Obstacles arise in part because our view is colored by cognitive bias and changing context. The bubbles we get caught up in burst and you find yourself in another world. You adjust until experiencing this moment becomes the new normal. Imagine a new view of actions and their results as you become aware of what is done in your name. Our everyday work and the

taxes we pay play into a global financial information war machine that is designed to move wealth and power from the earth to the top of the increasingly authoritarian chain of command.

Let's begin with some simple things including celebration. I plan to be with VFP at the Ark on November 3. The Veterans Day installation will be at Veterans Park on November 11. The Golden Rule Project (the VFP sailboat) is on the Great Lakes. Ann Arbor Coalition Against War has a vigil every Friday 5:30 p.m. at the post office, Liberty and Fifth. Check the calendar and make your choices. Your compassionate action will turn you into a Veteran of Hope.



Cash free future: is it viable for all?

Up-and-coming digital payment methods like CashApp and Apple Pay may make cashless transactions appear futuristic, but the idea has been around for centuries. Checks and running a tab, with credit and debit cards joining the mix by the mid-to-late 20th century, provided an alternative to bringing coins and banknotes (paper money) with you everywhere you went. But what happens when you have no other option but to carry your savings as paper money? What happens when you don't have access to the infrastructure that lets you create bank accounts and open credit cards? What happens when there's a global catastrophe and suddenly handling tangible money means risking the health and safety of you and the people you spend time

Enter online payment systems.

Even though the idea of cashless transactions has been around for a while, the idea of contactless payment systems is a lot newer: the vast majority of its technological advances have taken place within the new millennium, from the first tap cards to the founding of PayPal. However, it really made a name for itself during those first months of the COVID-19 pandemic. In an August 2020 study done by the global



over cash in the future because of the pandemic; 54% of those in the study said they were wary of using tangible money because of the pandemic, and COVID-19 inspired 32% who want to see it gone entirely. With cash transactions dropping from 26% to 19% in the space of one pandemic-filled year, it's no wonder many people don't see a future for tangible money.

However, our shift away from paper money has the potential of leaving behind some of the most vulnerable people in our society. A December 2021 report from the FDIC states that 5.7% of adults in Michigan had no bank account, and another 15.7% had one

payment programs can be a lifeline—as it provides access to better money management, inaccessible financial serinternet—but it's a fragile lifeline. While someone doesn't need a bank account in order to open an account on apps like PayPal, they won't be able to make

Apple Pay and Google Pay, even with their in-app cash cards, still expect you to be using a credit or debit card via their program. Payment apps also have the compounding fees that make brick-andmortar banks so out of reach to many low-income people. There's also the deficiency in helpful customer support for those using online payment methods; a lack of cybersecurity measures or support for victims of scams (especially online payment systems requires you to have a consistent phone number to which you attach your online payment many people of a low socioeconomic background do not have.

all bad, and might even be seen as now, will it be Venmo, PayPal, or cash?

but relied on payday loans and other beneficial, especially to lower-income bank services. For these folks, online people. While contactless payment methods may be out of reach to many on the selling end of Groundcover, it's exactly in reach for its primary cusvices, and a way to buy and sell over the tomer base. Partly because of the pandemic and partly to change with the times, Groundcover sellers have used their own Venmo or Groundcover's Venmo to receive payment for the cash withdrawals from the app without papers they're selling. Sometimes, as Joe Woods said during a Groundcover workshop held at the University of Michigan's Community Engaged Writing class, it's actually easier to sell to people when using digital payment apps. "Just subconsciously, we don't really look at [money in online payment apps] as money.... With the Venmo... realistically we don't actually see the legal tender, so it's just easier," he said.

Contactless payment systems are complex, as is the relationship between important for people without private it and low-income people in Michigan. internet or cell service); and that most It has the potential to be a future in which all can partake and benefit, but right now it's inextricably tied to the classist banking systems of the past. For account. These are all privileges that it to change, the companies who run these contactless payment methods will need to hear from people who have Contactless payment systems aren't experienced financial instability. For





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Kale salad

ELIZABETH BAUMAN Groundcover contributor

Ingredients:

2/3 cup pecans or walnuts, toasted and coarsely chopped

8 ounces kale

4 medium radishes, thinly sliced 2/3 cup dried cranberries (or dried cherries)

1 medium Granny Smith apple 2 ounces soft goat cheese, chilled

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 1/2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar (or white wine vinegar)

1 tablespoon smooth Dijon mustard 1 1/2 teaspoons maple syrup

Sea salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Directions:

Toast nuts in preheated 350-degree oven for 7 to 10 minutes.

Pull kale leaves off the tough stems and discard the stems. Chop the kale into small, bite-sized pieces. Place kale in large bowl and sprinkle a small pinch of sea salt over it. Massage the leaves with your hands by lightly



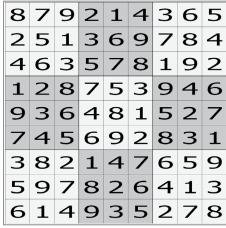
scrunching big handfuls at a time, until the leaves are darker in color and fragrant.

Add radishes, pecans and cranberries to the bowl. Chop the apple into small, bite-sized pieces and add it to the bowl as well. Crumble the goat cheese over the top.

In a small bowl, whisk the dressing ingredients together and pour the dressing over the salad. Toss until the salad is evenly coated with dressing. Let the salad marinate in the dressing for 10 to 20 minutes.

Such a good lunch with a bit of fresh bread!

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS





Math puzzle solutions: 57 times. After 10:00, 11:00, and 12:00 there is just one time (10:01, 11:11, 12:21). The other nine hours have 6 times each. 2. 81, 8. Multiply the two digits and then reverse them. 3. 199 - 99 = 100.



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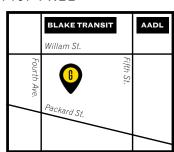
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